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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:MASS, KS, SF

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR MAY 24

1. FOLLOWING ARE ITEMS OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST FROM  
LEGISLATIVE REPORT OF MAY 24:

A. THE HOUSE PASSED THE FY-78 SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL  
BY A VOTE OF 242-163. IN THE FINAL DAY OF DEBATE SOUTHERN  
AFRICA, ARMS EXPORT POLICY, KOREA AND TURKEY WERE THE  
PRINCIPAL ISSUES.

B. SOUTHERN AFRICA: BY A VOTE OF 204-208 THE HOUSE  
DEFEATED AN AMENDMENT BY REP. ICHORD TO ELIMINATE THE  
SOUTHERN AFRICAN SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FUND. THE HOUSE  
ALSO FOUGHT BACK EFFORTS TO RESTRICT THE PRESIDENT'S  
FLEXIBILITY TO UTILIZE THE \$100 MILLION SOUTHERN  
AFRICAN SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FUND BY ADOPTING BONKER'S  
SUBSTITUTE TO A BAUMAN AMENDMENT (238-173) AND DIGGS'  
SUBSTITUTE TO A CRANE AMENDMENT (65-34). BAUMAN WOULD  
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HAVE RESTRICTED THE FUND TO DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED  
GOVERNMENTS, WHILE CRANE WOULD HAVE PRECLUDED ITS USE  
IN MOZAMBIQUE, ANGOLA, TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA.

C. KOREA: BY A VOTE OF 139-260 THE HOUSE DEFEATED A  
HARKIN AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD HAVE CUT THE OVERALL FMS  
PROGRAM BY AN ADDITIONAL 5 . AS NOTED IN THE COURSE

OF THE DEBATE, A CUT OF THIS MAGNITUDE COULD NOT BE EFFECTED WITHOUT CUTTING \$275 MILLION FOR THE KOREAN PROGRAM. A SAWYER AMENDMENT, EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT THE PRESIDENT SHOULD PERSUADE THE GOVERNMENT OF KOREA TO COOPERATE WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED WRONGDOING BY KOREAN REPRESENTATIVES, WAS ACCEPTED.

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